tie-up arrangement to NJMC Ltd. for captive production of MMTC's behalf. MMTC proposed to supply Raw Jute and NJMC was to produce hessian and sacks, which will be marketed by NJMC on behalf of MMTC. The payment from the buyers will be received by MMTC who will make payment to NJMC after recovering their costs and commission. However, MMTC did not offer to take any mill on conversion basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) NJMC advertised in the Newspapers seeking bids for conversion work on 09.05.2001. MMTC did not send any offer against this tender for job conversion work. On the advice of Ministry of Textiles, a meeting was held between MMTC and NJMC, wherein MMTC was advised to send a clear proposal indicating rates of conversion offered by them. MMTC has subsequently reported that they are in the process of discussion with NJMC.

(g) Yes, Sir.

Loans / concessions for tribal and poor people in Arunachal Pradesh under rural development schemes

*248. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans and concessions are provided to the tribal and poor people in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under different rural development schemes and programmes being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allotted and released for the same during the last three years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development involving component of loans/concessions and being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh are as under:

(i) Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY):

The erstwhile Self-employment Programmes of the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), the Supply of Improved Tool-kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA), the Ganga Kalyan Yojana (GKY) and the Million Wells Scheme (MWS) were restructured from April, 1999 to form a new Programme known as the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY).

In rural areas, the SGSY is a Credit-cum-Subsidy Programme. Credit is a critical component in the SGSY and Subsidy is a minor and enabling element. Accordingly, the SGSY envisages greater involvement of the Banks right from the planning and preparation of projects to posts—credit monitoring including loan recovery. The objective of the SGSY is to bring the assisted poor above the Poverty Line in three years by providing them income generating assets through a mix of Bank Credit and Government Subsidy. The loan component for Swarozgaris under the Scheme are provided by the Financial Institutions. Subsidy under the SGSY is uniform at 30% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 7,500/-. In respect of SC/STs, however, the subsidy is 50% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/-. For groups of swarojgaris (SHGs), the subsidy is 50% of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1.25 lakhs. There is no monetary limit on subsidy for irrigation projects. The SGSY focus on the vulnerable groups among the rural poor. Accordingly, the SC/STs will account for at least 50% of the Swarozgaris, women 40% and the disabled 3%.

The details of Bank loan/Subsidy availed of by the State of Arunachal Pradesh under the Programmes of IRDP/SGSY during the last three years are given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(ii) Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP):

Rural Sanitation is a State subject but the efforts of the States are supplemented by the Central Government under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme. The objective of the

Programme is to improve the quality of life of the rural people and to provide privacy and dignity to women. The CRSP is being implemented in all States, including Arunachal Pradesh and Subsidy is being given to the families living Below the Poverty Line. The cost of a Basic Low Cost Unit is Rs. 625/- of which the Subsidy provided is Rs. 500/-.

(iii) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY):

The Scheme aims at providing assistance to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) rural household belonging to the SC/STs and freed bonded labour categories etc. The IAY provides grants-in-aid of Rs. 22,000/- for construction of new houses and Rs. 10,000/- for upgradation of existing houses. The amount for new houses is higher by Rs. 2000/- in the N.E. Region, compared to other parts of the country. The Scheme is being implemented in all the States, including Arunachal Pradesh. The assistance provided is free in the hands of the beneficiaries and 60% of the funds are to be utilised for the benefit of the SC/STs.

(iv) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP):

All the Schemes under the NSAP, namely, National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) are being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh. While the NMBS is for women beneficiaries, the other two Schemes are applicable to both men and women. Under the NOAPS, old destitutes who are 65 years of age and above are given Rs. 75/- per months as Old Age Pension. Through the NFBS, BPL families are given lump-sum financial assistance in the event of death of the family bread winner. The NMBS which is implemented to provide maternity benefit at the rate of Rs. 500 to pregnant women belonging to BPL families for upto the

two live births is, no longer a component of NSAP and has been transferred to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare w.e.f. 1st April, 2001.

(c) The details of funds allotted and released to Arunachal Pradesh for the above Schemes during the last three years and till date are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of Bank Loan/Subsidy availed of by Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	Programme	Creation of assets		Total (4+5+6)
			Bank Loan	Subsidy	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1998-99	IRDP	221.72	367.85	589.57
2	1999-2000	SGSY	215.87	240.22	436.09
3	2000-01	SGSY	119.82	112.36	232.18

Statement-II

Funds allotted and released to Arunachal Pradesh for the schemes in question during the last three years are indicated below

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02*	
		Amount Allocated	Amount Released	Amount Allocated	Amount Released	Amount Allocated	Amount Released	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
1.	IRDP/SGSY	201.91	202.78	136.74	92.14	276.91	99.26	164.76	13.25
2.	CRSP	45.00	0.00	30.00	15.00	85.48	73.98	4.11	0.00
3.	IAY	184.03	118.47	754.00	841.47	726.86	519.91	555.06	150.59
4.	NSAP	88.08	5.76	99.34	10.53	266.15	87.89	210.89	8.84

* The figures are upto 1st August, 2001.